

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A one-piece vehicle doorbeam comprising:

a ~~one piece, unitary~~ deformable web closed upon itself into a tube having a cross section, ~~approximately half~~ a first portion of said cross section having a first thickness, ~~approximately half~~ a second portion of said cross section having a second thickness different from said first thickness; and

attachment portions integral with said tube and extending from opposite ends of said tube and adapted to attach said doorbeam to a vehicle door.

2. (original): The doorbeam of claim 1 wherein said deformable web includes opposing lateral edges, said lateral edges joined on said tube forming a seam.

3. (original): The doorbeam of claim 2 wherein said seam is a weld.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended): A one-piece vehicle doorbeam comprising:

a ~~unitary, one-piece~~ deformable web closed on itself to form a generally circular tube including first and second circumferential portions having different thicknesses, said tube having an inner surface and an outer surface, said outer surface being generally circular in cross section, said inner surface being generally noncircular in cross section; and

attachment portions integral with said tube and extending from opposite ends of said tube, said end portions adapted to attach the vehicle doorbeam to a vehicle door.

6. (previously presented): The vehicle doorbeam of claim 5 wherein said deformable web

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includes lateral edges, said lateral edges being joined.

7. (previously presented): The vehicle doorbeam of claim 6 wherein said joined lateral edges are welded.

8 through 19. (canceled)